

social support family, immigration, health, housing, legal, emergency shelter, child care, education, employment, cultural, citizenship and youth services. She also said that, this gathering of the finest women and men in our community allows us the opportunity to recognize the outstanding services and accomplishments of outstanding members of our community.

They deserve our best wishes and congratulations. In addition to Dr. Mason, other awardees include: Club El Pacifico, Inc., Ms. Petrona Pet Honeywell, Ms. Gloria A. Spencer Morgan, The Rev. Frank Elcock and Mr. William Ben Townsend.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the men and women of the Peace Corps, which celebrates its 45th Anniversary this year.

Since its creation in 1961, over 180,000 men and women—including several of our colleagues in Congress—have served in the Peace Corps.

These Peace Corps Volunteers have made a difference in a very concrete and personal way. Over the last 45 years, these dedicated volunteers—through their talent, hard work, and dedication—have shown people in 138 countries the very best face of America.

From agriculture to business development to HIV/AIDS prevention, the Peace Corps is a vital, vibrant organization that promotes mutual trust, cooperation, and understanding between Americans and the countries in which they serve.

And course, I can't stand up here and talk about the Peace Corps without noting that the Director of the Peace Corps, Mr. Gaddi Vasquez, is a long-time resident of Orange County, California. I want to express my thanks to him and to all Peace Corps participants, for their hard work, their sacrifice, and their spirit.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL SHAWN T. LASSWELL, JR.

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Shawn T. Lasswell Jr. who died on April 23, 2006 while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and defending America.

Corporal Lasswell, who was assigned to C Troop, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, died in Taji, Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. Lasswell, who grew up in Alton, Illinois was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Corporal Shawn T. Lasswell Jr. Corporal Lasswell made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while fighting the War on Terror and defending democracy and freedom.

RECOGNIZING ETHAN STOCKDALE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan Stockdale, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan Stockdale for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO RON ZIMMERMAN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Ron Zimmerman of Connersville, Indiana. He died this week in Afghanistan when a suicide bomber hit his vehicle while he was working as contractor on a U.S. State Department police training project.

Ron was working in Herat, Afghanistan, near the border with Iran and Turkmenistan. Among other things, he was training local police forces in methods of combating the illicit drug trade of opium poppies. He was in a convoy going to work to continue these training efforts when the vehicle he was traveling in was attacked by a suicide car bomber. He had been in Afghanistan since early April of this year.

Ron graduated from Connersville High School. Before going overseas, Ron served in the Fayette County Sheriff's Department, volunteered as a local firefighter, and most recently worked as a police officer in Brookville, Indiana. He left the police force in December 2004 to become a contractor. Prior to going to Afghanistan, he had worked for 1 year as a contractor training police forces in Kosovo.

Ron's courage and selfless dedication to others are shown through his willingness to travel to dangerous areas of the world in an effort to help those areas become safer and more secure. His wife Marla stated, "He was the type of person that felt like he had to do what he had to do. He was a very giving person."

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Marla; his two daughters, Mel Walker and Cheyenne Zimmerman, his son, Matt Walker, and all other family and friends who loved and admired this fine man.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 172 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES KELLY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James Kelly, who died Saturday, May 12, 2006.

James served the city of North Las Vegas for decades in a number of different capacities. He was a Justice of the Peace for 24 years, a former city council member, past President of the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and a past President of the Nevada Judges Association. James lived in North Las Vegas since 1959 and was very community-minded. He quietly led a life of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of James Kelly. His long and distinguished record of public service is admirable and should serve as an example to us all. He will be greatly missed by the city of North Las Vegas.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES K. LIGHT II FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles K. Light II, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Charles has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Charles has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Charles K. Light II for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

STRONG WOMEN STAND TALL

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, the week of May 14 thru 20, 2006 is designated by the Department of Health and Human Services as